

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/490,199	SWIFT ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/22/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10 and 18-27.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date <u>1/27/2006</u>. 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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CHARLES RONES
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The prior art of record does not disclose, make obvious, or otherwise suggest the structure of the applicant's prediction program, prediction apparatus, and prediction method together with the other limitations of the independent claims.

The dependent claims being further limiting and definite are also allowable. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably **accompany** the Issue Fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in an interview with Eric Gash on January 27, 2006.

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 18 and 20-24 have been amended. Claims 1-10 and 18-27 remain pending in the application.

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

18. (Currently Amended) A method as in claim 1, wherein the extent of proxy authorization comprises as restriction on a range of target services that the proxy client ~~may~~ is authorized to access on behalf of the user.

20. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps:

receiving a proxy request from a first user to access a target service, wherein

access to the target service is restricted to a set of one or more users that excludes the first user and includes a second user;

comparing the proxy request with a plurality of proxy authorizations maintained in the a first data structure to determine whether to grant the proxy request, wherein each proxy authorization identifies a user granting proxy authorization, a user receiving proxy authorization and an extent of proxy authorization; and

issuing a second data structure containing data recognizable by the target service for authenticating the first user to access the target service as a proxy of the second user, if the proxy request is granted.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium as in claim 20, wherein the ~~extent of~~ each proxy authorization comprises a restriction on a range of target services that the ~~proxy client~~ user receiving proxy authorization ~~may~~ is authorized to access on behalf of the user granting proxy authorization.

22. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium as in claim 20, wherein the ~~extent of~~ each proxy authorization comprises a restriction on a duration that the ~~first client~~ user receiving proxy authorization ~~can~~ is authorized to act as a proxy of the ~~second~~ user granting proxy authorization.

23. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium as in claim 20, wherein the second data structure is a ticket containing a key for use in a session formed between the first ~~client~~ user and the target service.

24. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium as in claim 20, farther comprising authenticating the first ~~client~~ user based on a ticket issued to the first ~~client~~ user for communicating the proxy request.

Reasons for Allowance

2. Claims 1-10 and 18-27 are allowed.
3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:
the prior arts of records, neither anticipates nor renders obvious the following limitations as claimed:

As to claim 1, the prior art of records fail to anticipate or suggest a method of enabling a proxy client in a secured network to access a target service on behalf of a user, comprising the steps of:

registering proxy authorization information regarding the user with a trusted security server, the proxy authorization information identifying the proxy client and an extent of proxy authorization granted the proxy client by the user;

submitting, by the proxy client, a proxy request to the trusted security server requesting access to the target service on behalf of the user;

comparing, by the trusted security server, the proxy request with the registered proxy authorization information of the user to determine whether to grant the proxy request; and

issuing, by the trusted security server, a data structure containing authentication data recognizable by the target service for authenticating the proxy client for accessing the target service on behalf of the user, if it is determined to grant the proxy request, together with the other limitations of the independent claims.

As to claim 6, the prior art of records fail to anticipate or suggest a computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps:

storing proxy authorization information from a user for authorizing a proxy client to act as a proxy of the user, the proxy authorization information identifying an extent of proxy authorization granted the proxy client by the user; and

receiving a proxy request from the proxy client to access a target service on behalf of the user;

determining, based on the stored proxy authorization information of the user, whether to grant the proxy request;

constructing a data structure containing authentication data recognizable by the target service for authenticating the proxy client for accessing the target service on behalf

of the user, if it is determined to grant the proxy request, together with the other limitations of the independent claims.

As to claim 20, the prior art of records fail to anticipate or suggest a computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for performing steps:

receiving a proxy request from a first user to access a target service, wherein access to the target service is restricted to a set of one or more users that excludes the first user and includes a second user;

comparing the proxy request with a plurality of proxy authorizations maintained in the first data structure to determine whether to grant the proxy request, wherein each proxy authorization identifies a user granting proxy authorization, a user receiving proxy authorization and an extent of proxy authorization; and

issuing a second data structure containing data recognizable by the target service for authenticating the first user to access the target service as a proxy of the second user, if the proxy request is granted, together with the other limitations of the independent claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Belix M. Ortiz whose telephone number is 571-272-4081. The examiner can normally be reached on moday-friday 9am-5pm.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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